STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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Subject: Smog Impact Refund Program Ends

Background

The \$300 Smog Impact Fee was collected on certain vehicles that were previously registered in another state or country and subsequently registered in California between October 15, 1990 and October 19, 1999. California Vehicle Code §\$1673 through 1673.4, and Revenue and Taxation Code §6909 repealed the Smog Impact Fee.

Refund Process Ends

The \$300 Smog Impact Fee Refund Program expires on June 8, 2003, at which time, competing claimant* refund claims will be reviewed and will take approximately 90 to 120 days to complete the refund process. If a response is not received from the registered owner or lessee that owned the vehicle at the time the fee was paid, eligible competing claimants will be paid the \$300 fee plus interest.

Distribution

This memo was distributed in MAY 2003 to dealers, registration services, and financial institutions.

Contact

- You may contact the **Smog Impact Refund Unit at (916) 657-6640** for additional information or assistance.
- You may also contact the DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

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^{*}A competing claimant is generally a dealer that paid the Smog Impact Fee on behalf of the customer.